

RECOMMENDATIONS.

2/18/43

JEREMIAH WADSWORTH-11/27/42

J. G. Hesley, Third Mate.

Rafts.- No. 1 and No. 3 rafts went overboard by concussion of explosion; were not noticeably damaged. No. 1 boat, after it was blown overboard, became fouled in the life net, also the boat falls, and was in way of launching No. 3 boat. This had to be cleared away by cutting clear, before No. 3 boat could be lowered.

Rubber suits.- Two or three members of crew wore the rubber swim suits and did not recommend their use.

Life Lines.- The life lines rigged on span between davits were very much of a handicap in lowering the boats, as these lines had knots which became fouled in thwarts and boat gear.

Boat Rudder.- Rudder of boat cracked and had to be repaired for use. An iron band would have prevented the cracking under strain of steering the boat.

Motorboat.- The motor was wet in launching and a general handicap thereafter, having been unable to get it started.